

18 MONTHS TO 24 MONTHS

EMERGING SKILLS DURING AGE RANGE

- On average, uses 50+ words
- Makes animal noises and or/ animal names
- Uses “hi” and “bye” without reminders
- Speech is 50% intelligible/understood
- Responds to yes/no questions
- Puts two words together
- Follows directions using spatial concepts (e.g. in, on)
- Turns a door knob
- Begins to assist to put on clothes and shoes
- Brushes their teeth with help
- Knows six body parts
- Attends to simple projects like coloring tasks, simple puzzles, or books
- Scribbles on paper with crayons, with grasping crayon or marker with thumb and 1st finger toward paper and remaining fingers around marker

Developmental Toys & Activities

- Chunky wooden puzzles of shapes or farm animals
- Little People house or barn for pretend play
- Describe their emotions, for example “You are happy when we blow bubbles”
- Practice walking outside on uneven surfaces such as grass, sand, rocks, etc.
- Have child walk backwards and sideways
- Read books and describe pictures with short and concise language
- Use simple phrases
- Toys that encourage pretend play like babies or a play kitchen
- Blow bubbles
- Color with chunky crayons or finger painting